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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 8/23/2005, please amend the above identified case as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph that starts at page 12, line 31 as follows:

Figure 7 illustrates as an example a flowchart of a method 700, where state information is synchronized between backup nodes and where the number of operating nodes in a cluster changes. In step 601 backup nodes for nodes are defined, similarly as in method 600. If it is detected that a certain first node fails to continue its normal operation (or initiates transition to off-line mode) in step 701, state information synchronization is initiated (step 402). Typically common state information of the first node is synchronized across all nodes of the security gateway cluster (step 604). Node-specific state information is synchronized with backup node(s) of the first node (step 605). Backup state information, which is stored in the first node and which relates to those nodes for which this first node acts as a backup node, may be transmitted for example to backup nodes of this